

Dear Chairman,

In lieu of the hearing on March 22nd, I need to give my support to Level3's petition.

I have over 30 years in computers and as of three years ago I started doing research to find a new market to delve into. This resulted in me starting a new company in July last year, dedicated to improving telecommunications for businesses.

VoIP is by far the most exciting area of developments I have seen since the World Wide Web. It affects every person on the planet, and can work wonders in improving the effectiveness in how we communicate.

True, I have a vested interest in both responsibility to my shareholders, and myself. But that does not minimize the importance to the public, that VoIP can continue to grow unincumbered.

Allowing our interests to be alloyed by anyone but the public's best, will not serve our nation, as we are not the only ones developing VoIP. For sure adding extra burden to American VoIP development will threaten our lead in the VoIP industry.

Let the VoIP industry develop and grow into a mature industry. An industry which will save the public a large amount of money. Which in turn will be reinvested back into the economy, and strengthen our position as international leaders in VoIP.

In closing, please grant the Level 3 petition.

Yours Truly,

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